

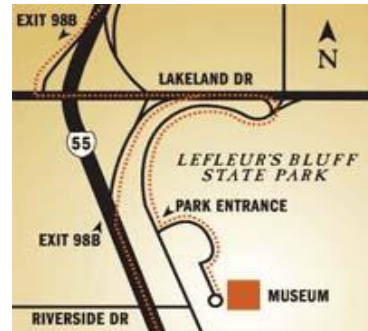
## General Meeting Information

The Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites you to the upcoming meeting to be held at the **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**

**Meeting Location:** The museum is located off Lakeland Drive at Interstate 55 in Northeast Jackson, within LeFleur's Bluff State Park. The meetings will be held in the Rotwein Theater located inside the museum.

MDWFP Museum of Natural Science  
2148 Riverside Drive  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202

Phone: (601) 576-6000  
[www.mdwfp.com/museum](http://www.mdwfp.com/museum)



**Lodging:** A block of rooms have been reserved at the Cabot Lodge Millsaps, which is located 2 miles away from the museum off of State Street near Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Cabot Lodge Millsaps  
2375 North State Street  
Jackson MS 39202  
601-948-8650  
<https://www.cabotlodgemillsaps.com/>

Room rates are \$94 per night. Please call **601-948-8650** to register and tell them you are reserving under the "Mississippi AFS meeting" room block. To reserve a room under the block, you must call to register. For the guaranteed rate, all room reservations must be made by **February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:** The Mississippi Chapter members, and associates, are invited to submit abstracts for presentations and posters describing their research and management of freshwater and marine fisheries, aquatic vegetation, nongame species, aquaculture, and aquatic ecology. Participation and attendance by students, inactive members, and other interested people is also strongly encouraged.

Oral presentations will be made during a general session on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Each presentation will be allotted **15 minutes** (12 minutes for talk with 3 minutes for questions).

A poster session will be held after the oral sessions, prior to the banquet on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Presentation schedules may change (starting Wed or continuing on to Fri) based on the number of abstracts submitted.

Submission deadline for abstracts for both oral and poster presentations is **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

Abstract formatting guidelines can be found below.

**Abstract Submission Guidelines:** To submit an abstract please first register for the meeting. Format your abstract based on the guidelines provided below. Email the abstract to [mississippiafs@gmail.com](mailto:mississippiafs@gmail.com). If you would like to be considered for student judging, please state so in the email and in the “presenter” line of your abstract. You will receive confirmation when your abstract is received.

**Registration and Fees:** Early registration will be \$85.00 for regular members and \$60.00 for student members until **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Regular registration begins January 26<sup>th</sup> and will be \$95.00 and \$70.00 for regular and student members, respectively.

The registration options are to pay by credit card or check (PO) only. If you need a copy of the MS AFS W9 form, please email Jeremy Higgs at [j.higgs@usm.edu](mailto:j.higgs@usm.edu)

If you are paying by credit card you can register at this site:  
<https://squareup.com/store/mississippi-afs>

**DURING CHECKOUT:** Please enter your name and affiliation as you would like it to appear on your name badge in the notes section.

If paying by check please fill out the Registration Form (below) for each registering individual. Make the check payable to: Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Mail the check and the registration forms to:

Jeremy Higgs-MSAFS  
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory  
703 East Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS, 39564

If you are claiming early registration your check must be postmarked by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

On-site registration will be \$95.00 for regular members and \$70.00 for student members. Registration will be available Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm, and will begin again at 7:30am on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Cancellations:** If you have registered for the meeting and need to cancel, you may change the name on your registration to cover another individual to represent you, you may request a refund of 90% through January 25<sup>th</sup>, or a 50% refund after January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Refunds will be provided by check only and will be reimbursed to the original purchasing person or agency.

**Meals and Events:** Registration covers the welcome social on the evening of Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Cabot Lodge, break snacks & drinks during the meeting, and the banquet meal on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> held at the museum. You will be responsible for your breakfasts and lunches.

**Business Meetings:** The Annual MSAFS Business Meeting will be held on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Contact Us:** For any other questions or additional information, please contact Nathan Aycock at [nathan.aycock@wfp.ms.gov](mailto:nathan.aycock@wfp.ms.gov)